

Personal News and Gossip of the Government Departments

Govt. Printing Office

NEW N. U. PRESIDENT

Harry J. Redfield, the new president of the Government Printing Office, No. 211, National Union, who is employed as compositor in the fifth division, is one of the progressive and energetic young men of the office.

Mr. Redfield is a native of Albany, N. Y., but has been for several years a valuable employee of the Government Printing Office. He was educated in the public schools of this city, and later learned the printing trade in New York city. He has had wide experience in book and newspaper work, and is an experienced monotype operator.

Mr. Redfield served in all the minor positions in his career before being elevated to the presidency, which is the second largest in this jurisdiction, and one of the pioneer compositors of the National Union in this city.

He is a member of the famous design team of Columbia Lodge, No. 10, I. O. O. F., which is at present conducting the Carnival of Nations at Odd Fellows' Hall. He is also one of the staunch members of the Columbia Typographical Union, No. 101, and has rendered valuable services to the cause of organized labor in the District of Columbia. He was a member of the Allied Printing Trades Council when the uniform label was first introduced in this jurisdiction, and did much to secure its recognition and advancement.

News of the Department.

At the beginning of the present session of Congress the fourth division (night) was organized, it being designed, for the first time, to handle bills and associate Congressional work on machines. Success in this direction was, of course, problematical. A. J. Benton was placed in charge, with a small, picked detail of machinists and operators from the several divisions. Messrs. Smith and Snell, representing the Lathrop Company, have been in constant attendance. Each night the constantly increasing volume of work is being turned out on time and satisfactorily.

Two men well equipped for the purpose have undertaken the compilation of a manual for the use of the monotype operators, which is intended to embrace many points necessary to be held in constant remembrance by the operators. These are W. L. Kirby and Henry S. Sutton. Mr. Kirby is at present an instructor in the fourth division. Both are close students of every detail relating to printing.

The number of House bills introduced at this session of Congress and passing through the mill at the printery is approaching the 25,000 mark, while the Senate bills some time since reached 8,000.

A clever conceit on exhibition at the "Carnival of Nations," at Odd Fellows' Hall, is a mammoth goat, twelve feet long and eight feet wide, the handiwork of Harry J. Redfield, of the fifth division. A touch of the "chival degree" is afforded patrons at small expense. The goat is proving one of the best attractions at the carnival.

Prof. Benjamin A. Lineback, the sweet singer of the Government Printing Office, was the central figure in a musical entertainment at the United Brethren Church on upper North Capitol street last week. Mr. Lineback was assisted by his accomplished young daughter, Miss Bessie Lineback, who rendered in a pleasing manner several eulogistic numbers. Mr. and Mrs. Julius Hall, well-known vocalists, also took part in the program, which was enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience.

Charles F. Troegner, who for some months has been acting as assistant foreman of the job room, relinquished his position last week and returned to his old post as chief job press reviser, the change elevating William F. Ashford, maker-up, to an assistant foremanship. The press of work in this division has necessitated the employment of two press revisers and an extra messenger, where formerly one man used to keep up with the work. The position is considered one of great responsibility, as the revisers are held accountable for any spoiled work that might be charged to their remissness, and is one of the few preferred jobs that hasn't a long waiting list of eager applicants.

Overtime in the foundry is quite a regular thing these days, the men often working through to 5 o'clock, sometimes later. Many other divisions of the shop report the same condition of affairs, and with every available man at work the Public Printer finds it practically impossible to live up to the requirements of the eight-hour law and at the same time appease the clamor for jobs of printing wanted immediately.

The latest linotype improvement in use in the printery is a new star wheel for the assembler mechanism. The points of the star are mounted with aluminum, which is working on the pivot or ball-bearing principle designed among other things to give longer life to the machine and more satisfaction to the operators, who are said to be well pleased with the improvement.

Arthur T. Canisius, time clerk and bookkeeper in the office of the foreman of the job division, is reported seriously ill of pneumonia at his home, 115 U street northwest.

Frank Hersh, of the foundry, who has been forced to lay off for some time on account of failing health, will depart for Philadelphia, N. C., when enabled to travel, in the hope of recuperation.

George L. Jeffrey, of the main proof room, is on the sick list. Mr. Jeffrey contemplates change of climate in the hope of regaining health.

A large consignment of clocks arrived the other day and have been put in position on the walls of the various divisions, which have outlived their usefulness. Formerly there were really not enough clocks, but now there are more than ever and most conveniently placed.

Ben Boland has recovered sufficiently from the recent accident to his eye to resume his duties as messenger in the office of the chief clerk.

John S. Shaw, one of the linotype operators of the job room, was absent part of the week on account of the



HARRY J. REDFIELD,
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death of his father-in-law, Joseph A. Geier, whose funeral was held last Saturday. Mr. Geier was sixty-one years of age, and was born and raised in Northeast Washington. For many years Mr. Geier had been one of the most substantial citizens and business men in that section of the city.

The Bookbinders' Union, Local No. 4, is in receipt of a communication from the officials of the International Union in reference to the reinstatement of William A. Miller, formerly assistant foreman of the union at a recent meeting of the local union on a practically unanimous vote. There was some opposition to the procedure at the time on account of some technicalities that were advanced with reference to the regularity of the action. The international officers say that the local union acted entirely within its province, and the action is sustained in every particular as well as commended.

The bookbinders' minstrel company, now known as Weston's Minstrels, is booking some dates for performances in the vicinity. On Friday night the show was given at St. Elizabeth's. On February 21, Mr. Ranier will be invited, and on Washington's birthday the company will appear at Alexandria for two performances—only—afternoon and evening. Later the company goes to the Soldiers' Home for one performance.

Miss Edith May Clemson, of the gold room, bindery, while visiting relatives in Baltimore a few days ago fell on the icy pavement and broke her right arm at the wrist. She was painfully injured and it is said will be detained from work for fully six weeks longer.

Mrs. K. B. Throckmorton, of the gold room, bindery, was called to Roaring Spring, Pa., the first of the week to attend the bedside of her granddaughter, who is seriously ill.

J. Edward Burkhardt, of the stamping division, bindery, was detained at home all of the past week on account of the serious illness of one of his children.

J. S. Murray, of the document division, returned to the office Wednesday after having had a severe siege of the grip.

Patrick Riley, of the bindery, has purchased the property at 1612 North Capitol street northwest.

John Galvin, of the ruling division, bindery, is still confined to his home and is seriously ill. His condition has shown but little improvement in the past few days.

Miss Eleanor Wegman, cataloguer, formerly connected with the free library of Brooklyn, N. Y., has given up that position in order to accept a temporary position in a similar capacity under the superintendent of documents here. She reported for duty Wednesday.

Mrs. R. K. Stickney and Miss Eleanor Dunaway, who have been connected with the Carnegie Library in this city, have taken temporary positions as cataloguers under the superintendent of documents. They reported Tuesday.

Miss Laura Gordon, chairman of the entertainment committee of the Women's Auxiliary of Columbia Typographical Union No. 101, has announced the postponement of the entertainment which was scheduled for Wednesday evening for the purpose of raising funds to aid in the erection of a monument to the deceased union printers buried at the Union Printers' Home, at Colorado Springs. The postponement is made necessary on account of the illness of some of the talent and others who are to take part in the affair. It is anticipated that the entertainment will be given on Wednesday, February 27.

Miss Lucy Bowles, of the folding room, is on the sick list.

Capt. Henry Foster, better known as "Dad" in the many friends, who is employed in the hydraulic press section, has returned to his post of duty after several days' illness.

Mrs. Rose Pennebaker, who has been doing clerical work for the past four months on the temporary roll in the office of the superintendent of documents, has resigned in order to take a permanent position in the forestry bureau of the Department of Agriculture.

W. J. Dunnegan has received an appointment as stenographer and typewriter on certification by the Civil Service Commission. He reported the first day of the week and was assigned to the document division.

Gen. J. H. Brinker, of the office of the superintendent of documents, was stricken with an attack of acute indigestion at the office on Monday and was taken to his home. He was able to return the latter part of the week, although not fully recovered. General Brinker was just recovering from the effects of an operation performed during the summer, which somewhat impaired his physical condition.

Agriculture

A number of the employees of the department from the Hoosier State attended the entertainment and old-fashioned dance of the Wisconsin Association of the District of Columbia, held at the Pythian Temple on Wednesday evening.

Prof. Elwood Mead, chief of irrigation and drainage investigations, and Prof. C. G. Elliott, in charge of drainage investigations, of the office of experiment stations, addressed the members of the house of representatives of the South Carolina Legislature at Columbia, S. C., on Tuesday last, on the subject of drainage.

A. A. Grault, of the Bureau of Entomology, who has been absent on a few days' annual leave, returns to duty this week.

G. Arthur Bell, of the Bureau of Animal Industry, returned last week from a Western trip, during which time he attended the sheep course in stock judging at the Iowa Agricultural College, Ames, Iowa.

Prof. L. F. Kebler, of the Bureau of Chemistry, gave an interesting talk on the flag of the United States, at the meeting of the Flag Council, at the Commercial Travelers of America, held last Saturday evening at the Pythian Temple, on Ninth street.

Horace W. Houlding, of the Edward Evans Missionary Home, Shanghai, China, visited the department the past week. Mr. Houlding is very much interested in angora and milch goats, also the introduction of pure bred live stock into that country.

B. H. Rawl, of the dairy division of the Bureau of Animal Industry, attended the meeting of the South Carolina Live Stock Association, of which he is the secretary, at Columbia, S. C., last week.

The Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to be held on April 3 and 4 to select eligibles to fill the vacancies of eight civil engineer students for the department.

I. W. Pew, of the Bureau of Animal Industry, and W. J. Nevius, of the office of records and disbursements, are contestants in the white st. tournament which opened at the Washington Chess and Checker Club on Wednesday evening. This tournament is composed of some of the star players of the National Whist Congress.

Mrs. George B. Loring, widow of a former Commissioner of Agriculture, is making a short visit in Washington, before sailing for Italy and Riviera.

Dr. W. H. Wiley, chief of the Bureau of Chemistry, gave a short talk at the annual reunion of the Harvard Club of Washington, held at the Raleigh Hotel last Tuesday evening.

C. C. Carroll, of the Bureau of Animal Industry, has returned to duty, after a few days' absence, caused by an attack of grip.

Dr. L. O. Howard, chief of the Bureau of Entomology, acted as toastmaster at the annual banquet of the Cornell Alumni Association of the District of Columbia, held at the Cairo on Friday evening. A large delegation of Cornell graduates from the department were present, among them being the following: Dr. A. M. Farrington, assistant chief Bureau of Animal Industry; E. J. Glascock, Office of Experiment Stations; G. Arthur Bell and Robt R. Slocum, Bureau of Animal Industry; Fred Johnson and Miss E. Mitchell, Bureau of Entomology; E. H. Clapp and Hector Von Bayer, Forest Service; W. F. Fletcher, Bureau of Plant Industry, and R. S. Albee and C. A. Perry.

Charles A. Scott, of the Forest Service, returned the past week from a few days' annual leave, spent in Kansas.

F. B. Headley, of the Bureau of Plant Industry, who has been absent on a few days' annual leave, is expected to return to duty this week.

Robt R. Slocum, of the Bureau of Animal Industry, attended the poultry show in Philadelphia the past week.

General satisfaction is expressed by the friends of Hobart H. Ramsdell, formerly a stenographer in the division of appointments, as a result of his selection to fill the important position of assistant secretary to the Board of Commissioners for the District of Columbia. Mr. Ramsdell entered the service of the Commission in June, 1906, and his work while a member of the Commission's force was of a high standard of excellence. Upon the first day of his connection with the Civil Service Commission occurred the death of his father, the Rev. Ramsdell, pastor of the North Presbyterian Church of Washington. This sad event was a great blow to the young man, but, although only twenty-one years of age, he has shouldered the responsibility of acting as the head of his family, consisting of his mother and brother, manfully. His work was formerly known to the District Commissioners by reason of previous service of young Ramsdell in the District building, and when a vacancy occurred in the assistant secretaryship, the position was offered to him. He entered upon his new duties on January 1 at a salary of \$1,200.

James Stratton, of the examining division, was absent from his desk two days of the past week.

N. E. Ball, of the rural carrier division, has been confined to his home all of the week by malaria.

J. L. Millsaps, of the examining division, was away from his division Thursday.

Elmer Pardee, of the rural carrier division, was absent because of illness on Wednesday and Thursday.

Miss E. J. Spofford attended the Army and Navy reception at the White House Thursday night. Miss Spofford also attended the Congressional reception at the White House last week.

Col. James Stratton was confined to his home because of illness on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of the past week.

Post Office

Pursuant to the directions of Postmaster General Corbly, that every effort be made to achieve the highest possible efficiency in the treatment of undelivered mail matter by the Post Office Department, a radical change was put into effect last month by Assistant Postmaster General DeGraw, in the undelivered letters of domestic origin, which are received in the Division of Dead Letters. A number of mail envelopes have been assigned to the duty of simply opening the envelopes of the letters received without examining the contents. The letters opened in this manner are then given to a force of twenty-five clerks who select therefrom all written correspondence and inclosures that can be delivered to the senders. This system was inaugurated about the middle of last month, at which time there was a considerable accumulation of unreturned letters on hand, and the resulting improvement is shown by the report of the Dead Letter Division for January. During that month 1,022,790 letters were opened, as compared with 988,399 the same month last year, and 266,231 letters and packages were returned to senders, against 231,462 in January, 1906. The sum of \$7,450.01 was found in 7,986 of the letters opened during the month, while in January of last year \$6,116.73 were found in 6,597 letters.

Worked to the Limit.

The various divisions under the Auditor for the Post Office Department report a great increase in work. The clerks are all being worked to the maximum in order to keep up with the rush of business. An example of the large increase in postal business is contained in the record of the Chicago postoffice, which has reported for the month of December, last, 1,116,245 money orders issued, as compared with 442,760 for the corresponding month of the previous year. It is said the same ratio of increase holds good in almost every section of the country, and as all the money orders and money order accounts, as well as postal accounts of every nature, must pass through the hands of the clerks in the office of the Sixth Auditor, the extent of the work done is apparent. The office handles the quarterly reports of the eighty thousand postmasters of the country, as well as the accounts of the star route agents and mail contractors. City carriers are paid by the respective post offices, but all their accounts are audited here. About 35,000 postal accounts are settled annually. The Sixth Auditor's office, with about eight hundred clerks, is said to be the largest accounting office in the world.

Notes of Persons.

Dr. John A. Holmes, assistant superintendent of the division of salaries and allowances, who has been in Boston, Philadelphia, and other points in the East for the past two weeks, on official business, returned to the department the first of this week.

Miss A. B. Carmody, clerk in the division of salaries and allowances, has been ill at her home for the past week. She is suffering with the grip.

William McHenry, of the division of postoffice inspectors, was on vacation for several days during the past week, taking a much needed rest.

Pleasant F. Graves, of Texas, has been appointed stenographer and typewriter in the division of postoffice inspectors on certification by the Civil Service Commission. He has already reported for duty.

William K. Yates, of the District of Columbia, having been selected for the position of typewriter and stenographer in the division of postoffice inspectors through the civil service channels, reported for duty on Tuesday.

Chief Clerk Theodore Ingalls, of the division of postoffice inspectors, continues ill at the home of his mother, in Brooklyn, N. Y., where he is said to be improving slowly.

Henry M. Camp, of the division of dead letters, has been ill with the grip for the past week, which detained him at his home.

Norman Reed, of the division of dead letters, who was away from the department for several days on account of the death of his wife, returned to his desk on Wednesday.

Miss Rosa Lee Taylor, timekeeper in the Bureau of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, has been at home, ill with the grip for a week.

E. H. Thorp, superintendent of the city delivery division in the bureau of the First Assistant Postmaster General, is making an official trip to New York and New England points. He will be away for a week or ten days.

Merritt O. Chance, chief clerk of the dead letters, is again at his desk after an absence of several days, owing to a slight attack of the grip.

W. D. Hale, postmaster of Minneapolis, Minn., has been at the department during the past week on official business.

C. E. Warren, stenographer in the office of Chief Clerk Chance, who has been ill with typhoid fever for several weeks, suffered a relapse a few days since, but reports from his bedside indicate that he is now improving and on the road to recovery.

Miss Elizabeth A. Deebie, who was recently detailed from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to the auditing division under the office of the Sixth Auditor, has been permanently transferred to the new position.

The following transfers have recently been made in the office of the Auditor for the Post Office Department: Miss V. C. Baldwin, Mrs. E. T. Shields, Mrs. E. C. Pillow, and O. D. Thatcher, from the auditing to the inspecting division; Mrs. A. M. Swaine, Mrs. M. Kratz, from the auditing to the inspecting division.

William B. Crowley, who for the last several years has been in charge of the special delivery division of the city post-

Bureau of Engraving and Printing



MR. AND MRS. AUGUST C. RADUE,
Employees of Bureau of Engraving and Printing Now on Bridal Tour.

A wedding of much interest to the employees of the Bureau took place on Wednesday evening, when Miss Linda May Weckerly was married to August C. Radue. The ceremony was held at the home of the bride in Mt. Ranier, Md., at 6:30 o'clock. The Rev. Claude Jones of the Mt. Ranier Christian Church performed the services. The bride wore a white broadcloth princess suit trimmed with baby Irish lace, with coat effect trimmed with heavy white cord. The dress was tastefully decorated with palms and Southern smilax. Mr. and Mrs. Radue departed soon after the wedding reception, which lasted from 7 to 9 o'clock, for a trip South, which will include the Mardi Gras at New Orleans. Miss Weckerly was employed as a printer's assistant in section four, and was very popular. Mr. Radue is a plate printer in section seven and a popular and deserving young man.

Great interest is being manifested by the employees in the effort being made to secure an appropriation from Congress for a new building for the bureau. The present facilities are entirely inadequate for the volume of work required. The employees and officials do not resent the caustic term "sweatshop" when applied to the Bureau, but rather endorse the idea and point to the statement of Secretary Shaw on the subject, who said in his letter of transmittal to the Speaker of the House of Representatives: "I doubt if a worse sweatshop exists on earth than the factory in which the Government manufactures its money, its bonds, its internal-revenue and post-office stamps. The condition of the employees, especially in summer, is well-nigh unbearable, and every consideration pleads for improvement."

Chief Wilkie, of the Secret Service, has issued a warning in reference to a counterfeit 410 United States note. It is of the series of 1901, picture of buffalo, check letter C, face plate No. 356, back plate No. 150, J. W. Lyons, register; Charles H. Treat, treasurer, serial number A509015. It is said to be a crudely executed note which should not deceive the ordinary careful handler of money. Some of the notes are thick and stiff and others thin and flimsy. All look dirty. The serial number is the same on all so far examined. One of the principal passers of this note has been arrested at Evansville, Ind., with nearly \$1,000 in the bad notes in his possession.

In the course of a strong eulogy on the late Edward L. Jordan, editor of

office, died at his home, 1813 Twenty-fourth street northwest, on Tuesday afternoon, after an illness of about ten days.

Mrs. Lida G. Watkins, clerk in the recording division of the Sixth Auditor's office, was married on Wednesday evening to Maj. James E. King, of the Seventieth Episcopal Church at Alexandria. After an extended trip North, Mr. and Mrs. King will return to Washington and take apartments in the Ontario.

The vacancy in the position of general superintendent of the railway mail service, occasioned by the resignation of Capt. James E. White, which took effect on Monday, is being filled for the time being by Alexander Grant, the assistant superintendent. It is thought that his appointment will soon be announced by the Postmaster General.

Contractor William C. Bessell, Jr., directed to proceed to Baltimore, Md., and report to superintendent of construction and repair for duty.

Capt. F. M. Dunwoody, detached from special temporary duty at the department and directed to resume leave status.

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Chief Engineer D. F. X. Bowen, directed to proceed to Shelby, Ohio, and Greenville, Pa., on official business.

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Application for Guards.

The offices of the Ter-Centennial Commission to Jamestown Exposition in the Treasury building have recently been flooded with applications for ap-

pointments as guards at the coming fair. Positions at the grounds as guards, of which there may be as many as two dozen, will probably pay about \$30 per month and out of this they will be required to supply themselves with the necessary uniforms. Already there have been received about 300 applications and still they come.

Death of Thomas Fairfax.

The death of Thomas Fairfax from heart failure, which occurred the early part of the past week, came as a great shock to his friends and associates in the office of the Auditor for the Treasury where he was deservedly popular. He was a native of Virginia and at the time of his death was a resident of Alexandria.

Revenue Cutter Service.

Cadet Engineer John F. Hahn, appointed a cadet engineer February 2.

William C. Bessell, Jr., commissioned a constructor in the Revenue Cutter Service.

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TO RECLAIM 6,500,000 ACRES.

The projected 500-mile canal in Florida would convert 6,500,000 acres of swamp into fertile land.

Commerce & Labor

Following one of the recommendations of the Keap Commission, Secretary Straus has appointed a committee on business methods. The committee consists of William L. Soleau, disbursing clerk of the department; Dr. George W. Lendley, chief of the appointment division, and Dr. George C. Haveran, chief of the printing division, and is to be under the immediate direction of Assistant Secretary Murray. It is intended that the committee shall make investigations and report on any changes that may serve to better present methods of routine business, systems of bookkeeping, generally, and to undertake specific duties as may come within its field of operation. It is not intended that any changes shall be made merely for the sake of making them, but that as far as possible, simplification, uniformity, and economy, shall be secured in all divisions of the department.

It will be the purpose of the committee to secure for the head of the department from the various bureaus and offices such co-operation as will enable him to conduct the business of the department in the most economical and efficient manner by the adoption of such methods as will best serve that purpose.

The members of the committee are well fitted by previous training in their respective positions to give intelligent attention to the work. They have each been with the department since its organization and have the duties of organization at their finger ends. It is expected that the work of the committee will result in a great saving of time and money to the department, and a more systematic execution of the business in hand.

Mr. Langley Dines Friends.

The very enjoyable dinner given by Representative-elect John W. Langley, of the Tenth Kentucky district, to sixteen of his friends and former associates in the Bureau of the Census, is said to be the sequel of some promises made to his co-workers while appointment clerk of the bureau, as well as a statement made at a recent meeting of the Kentucky Club in this city. Mr. Langley was quoted as saying in his talk before the club that he had made some promises during the stress of the campaign that he would not be able to fulfill. This was regarded as significant by his friends in the office who recalled various promises of dinners, etc., in the event of his election. Accordingly a conference was called and a "committee on promises" was appointed, headed by the statistician of the bureau, who in compiling the available data, discovered that the promises ran not only into the hundreds, but required as many as four figures to properly set them forth.

The committee waited on Mr. Langley and made him acquainted with what they "had heard it said," and also of the numerous pledges that they had been able to unearth. Mr. Langley assured the committee that it would be his pleasure to make good on his promises at this end of the line, at least, since most of his time would have to be spent here, so the delightful evening at Harvey's was accordingly arranged.

Those who had the pleasure of being present are beating the bushes around the Census office in an endeavor to find other available Congressional material in the hope that other races may be run and won, to be followed by the trimmings, as on this occasion.

Notes and Personals.

Director North, of the Bureau of the Census, accompanied by his family, arrived in New York yesterday morning on board the steamship America, the voyage from Berlin having been made without incident. Director North has been attending the sessions of the tariff commission at Berlin in the interest of the United States Government, and his report is looked forward to with interest.

Secretary Straus has notified all immigration officers and collectors of customs that the head duty of \$2 provided for in the immigration laws shall not be collected from transportation companies or otherwise, in the case of diplomatic and consular officers and other duly accredited officials of foreign governments coming to the United States in the service of their governments or in transit.

Stuart Ellis, formerly employed in the chief clerk's office of the Bureau of the Census, has resigned his position in order to take the management of the Washington branch of the firm of Patrick, Elliott & Campbell, bankers and brokers, of New York and Goldfield.

E. B. White, of the division of manufactures, Bureau of Commerce, has today for the Great Lakes on transportation work.

Charles R. Pelton has been transferred from the Bureau of Fisheries to the department proper, and assigned to the position of chief clerk. He was promoted from \$300 to \$1,000 per annum.

Commissioner General of Immigration Frank P. Sargeant was in New York city yesterday on official business.

Thomas M. Baker has been transferred from the Bureau of Standards to the department proper, and promoted from watchman at \$72 per annum to the position of assistant messenger.

Joseph M. Keeler, of New York, has been appointed on certification by the Civil Service Commission a clerk in the Bureau of Navigation.

Mrs. Edith D. Wilder, clerk in the Bureau of Fisheries, has been promoted from \$720 to \$900 per annum.

Will R. Meyer, of New York, has been appointed to the position of messenger boy in the office of the Secretary at \$480 per annum.

William E. Dillard, of Arkansas, has been added to the force of clerks in the Bureau of Corporations, his name having been certified by the Civil Service Commission.